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By email and U.S. Postal mail
Ms. Suzanne Murray
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Re: Proposed Section 122(h) Administrative Settlement for Past Response Costs in The Matter of the Explo Systems Inc. Site Docket No. 06-04-14.

## Dear Suzanne:

I write in response to your request that the Justice Department approve a CERCLA settlement agreement and administrative order on consent for the recovery of past response costs (Agreement) at the Explo Systems Inc. Site (Site) that Region 6 negotiated with General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems, Inc. and Alliant Techsystems Inc., both potentially responsible parties for the Site.

I have reviewed the Agreement. I understand that General Dynamics and Alliant are responsible under Section 107(a) of CERCLA as generators (arrangers) of hazardous substances contained in munitions sent to the Site for demilitarization, recycling and disposal pursuant to subcontracts with Explo Systems, Inc. I also understand that total Site costs exceed \$500,000. Pursuant to Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(h), I agree with and approve the proposed Agreement.

Sincerely

Nathaniel Douglas

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